

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified action requires restriction as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 156, subclass 345.24.
- II. Claims 11-20, drawn to a process, classified in class 216, subclass 59.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I drawn to an apparatus, namely claims 1-10.

This election is without traverse.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

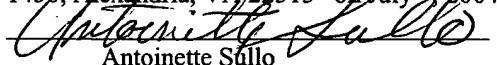
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